Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2013

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended August 17, 2013, there were 564,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan during August 2013, an increase of 800 from July 2013 and 15,800 more than the number employed in August 2012.

Agricultural employment was 44,900 persons in August 2013, up 1,500 from the July 2013 level and 1,700 more than the August 2012 agricultural employment level of 43,200. Non-agricultural employment was 520,000 persons in August 2013. This is a decrease of 700 from the July 2013 non-agriculture employment level of 520,700 but 14,100 more than August 2012.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2013 was 5.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the July 2013 rate of 4.5 percent but 0.2 percentage points lower than the August 2012 level of 5.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 4,300 to 594,800 persons in August 2013 from 590,500 persons in July 2013. This is 15,400 more than the August 2012 labour force of 579,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 71.8 percent in August 2013 from 71.4 percent in July 2013. The August 2012 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.3 percent.

There were 29,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2013. This is an increase of 3,400 from July 2013 but is 400 less than the number unemployed in August 2012.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 558,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2013, down 600 from the July 2013 level of 559,300 but up 15,600 from the August 2012 employment level of 543,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2013 was 4.2 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the July 2013 rate of 4.0 percent but 0.2 percentage points lower than the August 2012 rate of 4.4 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 24,900 persons in August 2013 to 18,027,600 persons from 18,002,700 persons in July 2013. In August 2012, there were 17,769,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points in August 2013 to 7.6 percent from the July 2013 level of 7.4 percent. In August 2012, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 percent in August 2013. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than July 2013 and 0.2 percentage points lower than the August 2012 level of 7.3 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,516.9	19,438.5	19,276.6	78.4	240.3
Employed ('000)	18,027.6	18,002.7	17,769.0	24.9	258.6
Full-Time ('000)	15,009.7	14,992.7	14,832.4	17.0	177.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,017.9	3,010.0	2,936.6	7.9	81.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,489.3	1,435.7	1,507.6	53.6	-18.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.4	7.8	0.2	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.2	7.3	-0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	67.7	68.0	0.2	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	594.8	590.5	579.4	4.3	15.4
Employed ('000)	564.9	564.1	549.1	0.8	15.8
Full-Time ('000)	477.8	478.2	468.4	-0.4	9.4
Part-Time ('000)	87.1	85.8	80.8	1.3	6.3
Unemployed ('000)	29.9	26.5	30.3	3.4	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.5	5.2	0.5	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	4.0	4.4	0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.8	71.4	71.3	0.4	0.5
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Labour Force ('000)	2,387.1	2,358.1	2,289.8	29.0	97.3
Employed ('000)	2,256.4	2,247.8	2,173.6	8.6	82.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,929.8	1,926.3	1,868.3	3.5	61.5
Part-Time ('000)	326.6	321.5	305.3	5.1	21.3
Unemployed ('000)	130.8	110.3	116.3	20.5	14.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	4.7	5.1	0.8	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	4.5	4.4	0.3	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	74.9	74.2	74.4	0.7	0.5
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Labour Force ('000)	680.0	678.3	681.6	1.7	-1.6
Employed ('000)	636.7	637.8	635.9	-1.1	0.8
Full-Time ('000)	529.1	529.9	531.9	-0.8	-2.8
Part-Time ('000)	107.6	107.9	104.0	-0.3	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	43.4	40.5	45.7	2.9	-2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.0	6.7	0.4	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.5	5.4	-0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.7	70.7	0.1	-0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	594.8	590.5	579.4	4.3	15.4
Male	326.1	323.8	315.0	2.3	11.1
Female	268.7	266.7	264.4	2.0	4.3
15-24 Years of Age	105.7	108.0	104.0	-2.3	1.7
25+ Years of age	489.2	482.5	475.4	6.7	13.8
EMPLOYED ('000)	564.9	564.1	549.1	0.8	15.8
Male	314.1	312.6	302.1	1.5	12.0
Female	250.8	251.4	247.0	-0.6	3.8
15-24 Years of Age	99.0	100.4	94.2	-1.4	4.8
25+ Years of age	465.9	463.7	454.9	2.2	11.0
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	29.9	26.5	30.3	3.4	-0.4
Male	12.1	11.2	12.9	0.9	-0.8
Female	17.9	15.3	17.3	2.6	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	6.7	7.7	9.7	-1.0	-3.0
25+ Years of age	23.3	18.8	20.5	4.5	2.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.0	4.5	5.2	0.5	-0.2
Male	3.7	3.5	4.1	0.2	-0.4
Female	6.7	5.7	6.5	1.0	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	6.3	7.1	9.3	-0.8	-3.0
25+ Years of age	4.8	3.9	4.3	0.9	0.5
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.8	71.4	71.3	0.4	0.5
Male	79.0	78.6	78.0	0.4	1.0
Female	64.6	64.2	64.6	0.4	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	77.3	79.0	76.2	-1.7	1.1
25+ Years of age	70.7	69.9	70.3	0.8	0.4

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.9	43.4	43.2	1.5	1.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.4	24.9	27.1	0.5	-1.7
Utilities	5.9	6.1	6.5	-0.2	-0.6
Construction	51.6	50.2	50.3	1.4	1.3
Manufacturing	30.7	29.9	25.1	0.8	5.6
Trade	83.1	83.4	80.2	-0.3	2.9
Transportation and Warehousing	27.3	27.4	26.8	-0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.1	28.9	32.9	1.2	-2.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28.3	29.3	27.7	-1.0	0.6
Business, Building and Other Support Services	16.3	16.2	13.7	0.1	2.6
Educational Services	31.8	34.3	33.5	-2.5	-1.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	75.9	75.7	69.2	0.2	6.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.7	23.2	21.6	-0.5	1.1
Accommodation and Food Services	33.3	32.1	29.9	1.2	3.4
Other Services	25.4	27.2	27.5	-1.8	-2.1
Public Administration	32.4	31.8	33.9	0.6	-1.5
Total	564.9	564.1	549.1	0.8	15.8
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	477.8	478.2	468.4	-0.4	9.4
Part-Time	87.1	85.8	80.8	1.3	6.3
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	457.5	459.4	449.1	-1.9	8.4
Public Sector	131.2	135.8	133.5	-4.6	-2.3
Private Sector	326.3	323.5	315.6	2.8	10.7
Self-Employed	107.4	104.7	100.0	2.7	7.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,027.6	18,002.7	17,769.0	24.9	258.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	242.8	246.8	240.7	-4.0	2.1
Prince Edward Island	79.6	78.7	77.8	0.9	1.8
Nova Scotia	468.1	468.8	468.0	-0.7	0.1
New Brunswick	363.4	364.0	366.2	-0.6	-2.8
Quebec	4,069.9	4,107.2	4,063.2	-37.3	6.7
Ontario	7,004.4	6,953.5	6,845.9	50.9	158.5
Manitoba	636.7	637.8	635.9	-1.1	0.8
Saskatchewan	564.9	564.1	549.1	0.8	15.8
Alberta	2,256.4	2,247.8	2,173.6	8.6	82.8
British Columbia	2,341.4	2,334.1	2,348.6	7.3	-7.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.6	7.4	7.8	0.2	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.1	9.9	12.4	0.2	-2.3
Prince Edward Island	8.4	10.1	9.7	-1.7	-1.3
Nova Scotia	8.8	8.5	9.7	0.3	-0.9
New Brunswick	10.6	9.6	10.4	1.0	0.2
Quebec	8.1	7.6	7.8	0.5	0.3
Ontario	8.2	8.3	8.8	-0.1	-0.6
Manitoba	6.4	6.0	6.7	0.4	-0.3
Saskatchewan	5.0	4.5	5.2	0.5	-0.2
Alberta	5.5	4.7	5.1	0.8	0.4
British Columbia	7.0	6.8	7.0	0.2	0.0

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,768.8	17,709.6	17,522.7	59.2	246.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.0	231.3	229.3	0.7	2.7
Prince Edward Island	73.9	73.8	72.2	0.1	1.7
Nova Scotia	456.4	453.8	456.2	2.6	0.2
New Brunswick	349.8	350.5	351.5	-0.7	-1.7
Quebec	3,998.8	4,003.8	3,993.7	-5.0	5.1
Ontario	6,920.1	6,876.5	6,771.4	43.6	148.7
Manitoba	631.5	634.6	628.6	-3.1	2.9
Saskatchewan	558.7	559.3	543.1	-0.6	15.6
Alberta	2,232.4	2,217.2	2,155.0	15.2	77.4
British Columbia	2,315.2	2,309.0	2,321.7	6.2	-6.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	7.2	7.3	-0.1	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.7	11.4	12.7	-0.7	-2.0
Prince Edward Island	10.6	11.8	12.0	-1.2	-1.4
Nova Scotia	8.7	9.0	9.6	-0.3	-0.9
New Brunswick	10.7	10.2	10.6	0.5	0.1
Quebec	7.9	8.2	7.6	-0.3	0.3
Ontario	7.5	7.6	8.0	-0.1	-0.5
Manitoba	5.2	5.5	5.4	-0.3	-0.2
Saskatchewan	4.2	4.0	4.4	0.2	-0.2
Alberta	4.8	4.5	4.4	0.3	0.4
British Columbia	6.6	6.7	6.6	-0.1	0.0

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.1	6.0	7.6	0.1	-1.5
Halifax	6.4	6.5	6.6	-0.1	-0.2
Saint John	10.9	11.2	9.4	-0.3	1.5
Quebec	4.8	4.7	5.2	0.1	-0.4
Montreal	8.3	7.8	8.2	0.5	0.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.1	6.8	6.5	0.3	0.6
Greater Sudbury	7.0	6.7	7.7	0.3	-0.7
Toronto	8.6	8.5	9.4	0.1	-0.8
Winnipeg	6.2	6.1	6.0	0.1	0.2
Regina	3.5	3.8	4.9	-0.3	-1.4
Saskatoon	4.8	4.3	5.8	0.5	-1.0
Calgary	5.2	5.3	4.9	-0.1	0.3
Edmonton	5.4	4.9	4.6	0.5	0.8
Vancouver	7.0	6.6	7.0	0.4	0.0
Victoria	5.5	5.5	5.7	0.0	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	180.6	178.9	171.4	1.7	9.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.5	53.1	50.8	-0.6	1.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	195.5	193.9	186.2	1.6	9.3
Yorkton-Melville	37.9	38.6	36.1	-0.7	1.8
Prince Albert & Northern	99.2	99.9	102.4	-0.7	-3.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2013	July 2013	August 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	591.3	588.4	575.9	2.9	15.4
Employed ('000)	565.9	564.2	546.9	1.7	19.0
Unemployed ('000)	25.4	24.1	29.0	1.3	-3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.1	5.0	0.2	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	71.5	71.3	71.0	0.2	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	68.4	68.4	67.4	0.0	1.0
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	540.8	539.0	529.5	1.8	11.3
Employed ('000)	521.2	520.9	507.3	0.3	13.9
Unemployed ('000)	19.6	18.1	22.2	1.5	-2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.4	4.2	0.2	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.7	71.6	71.5	0.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	69.1	69.2	68.5	-0.1	0.6
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	50.5	49.4	46.4	1.1	4.1
Employed ('000)	44.7	43.3	39.6	1.4	5.1
Unemployed ('000)	5.8	6.0	6.8	-0.2	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	12.2	14.7	-0.7	-3.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	68.2	65.1	1.4	4.5
Employment Rate (%)	61.6	59.8	55.6	1.8	6.0
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Labour Force ('000)	19.9	19.1	18.4	0.8	1.5
Employed ('000)	16.2	15.3	14.4	0.9	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.7	3.9	4.1	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.5	20.2	22.1	-1.7	-3.6
Participation Rate (%)	62.3	60.1	59.1	2.2	3.2
Employment Rate (%)	50.8	47.9	46.1	2.9	4.7
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Labour Force ('000)	30.6	30.2	27.6	0.4	3.0
Employed ('000)	28.5	28.0	25.0	0.5	3.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	2.2	2.7	-0.1	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.2	9.7	-0.2	-2.7
Participation Rate (%)	75.4	74.6	69.7	0.8	5.7
Employment Rate (%)	70.2	69.2	62.9	1.0	7.3

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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